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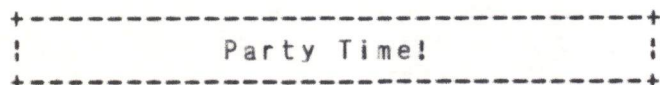
Once again it's time for the Annual Year-end <System Crash> Bash. This is CUG's way of celebrating another year of lasting memories of our Cyber system (may it rest in pieces). This year's prestigious event will be held at 8:00 PM on Saturday May 1st at the Chateaubriand Holiday Inn, 6500 Cote de Liesse (Hickmore exit). Tickets will cost $5.00 for members and $6.00 for non-members (so cheapskates better sign up now). Dress is semi-formal, there is a cash bar and free food will be served.

And to further your interest in this event we are giving away door prizes. First prize is a Sinclair ZX-81 personal micro-computer. This economical unit, supplied courtesy of Futur Byte, comes with such features as string arrays, moving graphics and hooks up to any television set for a monitor and a regular cassette tape recorder for storing programs. For more details and a look at the system go to Futur Byte at 1189 Phillips Square.

Tickets will be on sale starting Monday, March 29th. Only 100 tickets are available so don't forget to get your ticket(s) soon. See you there.

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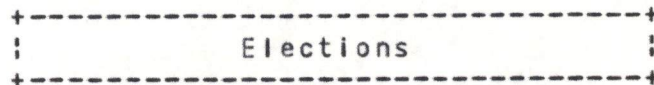
The elections for next year's executive will be held on Thursday, March 25th from 9:00 AM to 12 noon at Loyola (Central Building), and then from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Sir George (ninth floor Hall Building). The voting will continue into Friday, March 26th again at Sir George from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Positions open are President, Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and five (5) Members-at-large. Nominations must be received by Wednesday, March 24th. Get out and vote. It's your right and responsibility! Protect democracy in our world!

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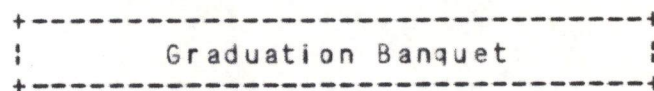
The E.C.S.A. (Engineering and Computer Science Association) is holding the Iron and Silver Ring Banquet at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel on Friday, April 2nd. The dinner starts at 7:30 PM. Cost of tickets is $27.00. For more information and/or tickets, come to the E.C.S.A. office (H-880-10) or the C.U.G. office (H-983).

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   - There is now a new version of
NTXED on the Computer Users' Group
account. All those Pascal fanatics
out there will be pleased to know
that it uses the "?" instead of the
";" as a separator. This means that
you won't have to change the
delimiter every time you enter NTXED
or use the cumbersome "&;" all the
time. To use this wonderful new
program simply enter
"GRAB,PTXED/UN=CCUSC51" instead of
the standard "+NTXED". For
subsequent runs of the editor,
simply enter "PTXED". (One more
note - the overlay command uses "!"
instead of the "?".)

   - The Computer Science
Department will be holding an Open
House on Wednesday, March 24th from
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This means that
there will be tours wandering around
the Hall Building. Students are
asked not to spit at the tourists.
Tourists are asked not to feed the
students. Dress is formal.

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   Soapbox is a free-access public
forum for which CUG assumes no
responsibility whatever (how's that
for passing the buck?). Any
opinions voiced here are not
necessarily those of the management.
If you would like to contribute to
Soapbox, contact us at 879-7329 or
through our account CCUSC51. And
now, on with the show...

   Dear CUGgies who know nothing
about CUSA:

   Many months ago CUSA decided to
start a search for a multiuser
microprocessor system. I would like
to state first of all that I do
believe, like most people who know
CUSA, that CUSA does need a
multiuser computer. But this is not
the topic of debate. To keep it
short, CUSA requested a Mr. John
Revay to act as a consultant to
search for their computer. At the
time that Mr. Revay was blessed
with this job he was not working for
any company that might pose a
conflict. As days passed Mr. Revay
did acquire a job from M.S.C.
(Montreal Systems Consultants).
Remember this name. Well (sigh) Mr.
Revay finally came up with his
recommendation, months late. This
report recommended a computer
supplied by Ithaca Intersystems,
whose dealer in Montreal is M.S.C..
Now the problems start. The report
was to have included a comparison of
a few systems that were in the
running along with the recommended
system. It did not, as John stated
that this would make his report too
long (BULL, and this is not a beer
ad). The members of the Legislative
Council were shown the proposal and
did not know what the F___ was going
on. The motion to accept the
proposal was passed after a shabby
discussion. In my opinion, the
three Bs worked again. John
thoroughly confused the council.
Instead of the council questioning
John's potential conflict of
interest (which was heightened by
the fact that he did not give any
clear comparisons), they completely
took him into their confidence. Add
to this the fact that most council
members were given the impression
that if they did not vote "yes" then
the whole proposal would be
scrapped, and you see the reason for
my anger. I feel that while the
system may be acceptable (
questionable by some) the method and
procedure by which they voted in the
recommendation was a total farce.
   - Tom Hill - V.P. Internal E.C.S.A.